

Holy Communion

15th Sunday after Trinity

September 28th, 2025



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GRONINGEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

SONG Above all Powers Words & Music: Lenny LeBlanc

Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth

Chorus Crucified, laid behind a stone
 You lived to die rejected and alone
 Like a rose trampled on the ground
 You took the fall and thought of me
 Above all (repeat 3x)

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The absolution.

Gloria

Words and Music: Donna Adkins & Colin Mawby

Father, we love You / We worship and adore You
Glorify Your name in all the earth /
Glorify Your name / Glorify Your name
Glorify Your name in all the earth

Jesus, we love You ... Spirit, we love You ...

The Collect Prayer (15th Sunday after Trinity)

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (NIV) *True Riches and the Good Fight*

6:⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the

King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen. ¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG Create in me a clean heart Words & Music: Keith Green

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
And take not Thy holy spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 (NIV) *The Rich Man and Lazarus*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

16:¹⁹ 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² 'The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire." ²⁵ 'But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in

agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us." ²⁷ He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment." ²⁹ Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them." ³⁰ "No, father Abraham," he said, "but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent." ³¹ He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

HYMN All my hope on God is founded

Words: Joachim Neander, tr Robert Bridges; Music: Tune Michael, by Herbert Howells

All my hope on God is founded;/ He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance He guideth,/ only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone / calls my heart to be His own.

Human pride and earthly glory, / sword and crown betray His trust;
what with care and toil He buildeth, / tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, / is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep His wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend Him, / beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from His store / new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal / sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising / for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all: / ye who follow shall not fall.

Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

And at the end

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by
the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

SONG I Will Offer up My Life

Words & Music: Matt Redman

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,
pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.

Chorus Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
to so faithful a friend, to so loving a king?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
as a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
O my words could not tell, not even in part,
of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart

You deserve my every breath for You've paid the great cost;
giving up Your life to death, even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin,
Opened up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in.

Chorus

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave
your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising
have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured may be
for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Communion is shared.

After the post-communion prayer.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NOTICES

SONG Once Again

Words & Music: Matt Redman

Jesus Christ / I think upon Your sacrifice
You became nothing / Poured out to death
Many times I've wondered / At Your gift of life
And I'm in that place once again / I'm in that place once again

CHORUS Once again/ I look upon the cross
Where You died / I'm humbled by Your mercy
And I'm broken inside / Once again I thank You
Once again I pour out my life

Now You are exalted / To the highest place
King of the heavens / Where one day I'll bow
But for now / I marvel at this saving grace
And I'm full of praise once again/ I'm full of praise once again

CHORUS

BRIDGE Thank You for the cross/ Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross my Friend

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Morning worship:

2nd Sundays, Morning Prayer/Service of the Word at 10:30 am;

4th Sundays (Holy Communion) at 10:30 am, all at St Maarten-langs-de-weg (Oud Katholieke Kerk), Witte de Withstraat, 2, Groningen.

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Grace Church Forthcoming Services & Activities:

- Sunday 12 October, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 26 October, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Saturday 8 OR 22 November: Grace Away Day (time and location t.b.a.)
- Sunday 9 November, 10:30: Grace Service of Remembrance, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 23 November, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 14 December, 10:30: Grace Service of Lessons & Carols, Old Catholic Church.

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Movie Nights: Upcoming dates t.b.a. , SKLO Bldg (Kraneweg 33, 9718 JE Groningen)